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Effigy Mounds News Release

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Owl Prowl at Effigy Mounds

Explore the life of one of nature's most fascinating creatures by joining the staff of Effigy Mounds National Monument for an "Owl Prowl" on Saturday, February 2nd at 5:30 p.m.

This easy one- mile hike will follow the Yellow River Boardwalk Trail which has been a popular spot for owls to roost this winter. Participants will discover the many intriguing and unique adaptations owls use to survive and learn why these creatures are so important to us. Visitors will have the opportunity to try to call great- horned, barred and screech owls during the evening.

"I want to leave every visitor with one skill they can use to amaze their friends: everyone who comes to this program will leave with the ability to imitate a barred owl," said Park Ranger Abbey Harkrader.

Reservations are required; please call (563) 873-3491 to register. The Yellow River Boardwalk Trail is appropriate for visitors of most hiking abilities and is less than a mile round trip. Participants should meet at the visitor center and dress appropriately for the weather, including boots for hiking through snow. Flashlights are recommended.

For more information on the park and other upcoming events, visit us online at www.nps.gov/efmo or call the visitor center at (563) 873- 3491. Effigy Mounds National Monument's visitor center is located three miles north of Marquette, Iowa and 22 miles south of Waukon, Iowa on HWY 76. *Admission to this event is free*.

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